

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 44

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of E.C. Miller of Elizabethton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of E.C. Miller; and

WHEREAS, E.C. Miller was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller was born in Carter County; and

WHEREAS, E.C. Miller was among the most respected banjo players in East Tennessee, sharing music with students for more than sixty years; and

WHEREAS, for fifteen years, he served with acumen and alacrity as an instructor at East Tennessee State University (ETSU), and among those he taught successfully is ETSU alumna and Rounder recording artist Beth Stevens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller's recordings include albums with the Toe River Boys—who also appear with him in the film, *North Carolina Traditions*—and one with bluegrass pioneer Benny Sims and ETSU alumnus Tim Stafford; and

WHEREAS, an appearance on CBS-TV's *On the Road with Charles Kuralt* brought E.C. Miller's music to a nationwide audience, and he authored an autobiographical book, which was released approximately five years ago; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, he was also deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller was preceded in death by his parents, John Herbert and Bonnie Banner Miller; a son, Eric Miller; and a sister, Dorothy Hazelwood; and

WHEREAS, E.C. Miller leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of E.C. Miller, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the loved ones of Mr. Miller.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.